

WASHINGTON GIVES BRILLIANT PARTIES FOR ITS PRETTY DEBUTANTES

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of some of her mural paintings for the State Capitol at Harrisburg.

The Pinchots did not arrive until Thursday. Then the Governor-elect of Pennsylvania paid his respects to the President and had a little talk with him. It was Representative Vane's dinner that brought Mr. Pinchot to Washington, and Mrs. Pinchot, as I understand it, "came along." She has many friends in Washington and though she no longer has a home here—for a year or two anyhow—she would find plenty to occupy her. The Vane dinner is if I mistake not, a hardy annual—a man's dinner and distinctly political as to its personnel. His guests who were invited to meet the Governor-elect of Pennsylvania, included the entire Pennsylvania delegation in Congress, "and a few other friends" to the number of about eighty.

Pinchots to Be Missed.

Washington is going to miss the Pinchots a lot. True, they haven't been actually living here for some years past. But they've had their house and have been down here quite frequently. This year, however, they have rented their house to Representative and Mrs. Bourke Cockran of New York—Mrs. Pinchot and Mrs. Cockran being warm friends—and there will not be the incentive to be constantly running down here for a week or so.

Last year, you remember, the Cockrans had Charles J. Bell's suburban home, Twin Oaks, for the winter and filled in when Congress remained in session after the time when the Bells wanted their country home by taking temporary quarters at Wardman Park Hotel. But the Bells have sold their town house down near Dupont Circle and expect to live out at Twin Oaks on Woodley road. So this year the Cockrans would have been homeless had not the Providence which tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, eliminated the Pinchots temporarily and thus provided pleasant and suitable quarters for them.

Speaking of the shorn lamb reminded me of the flock of sheep that used to decorate the Bourke Cockran lawn on Long Island, near Great Neck and Port Washington. Some one was telling me the other day that they had sold that place to a former Baltimore motor man or street car conductor, who went out West (and South, I presume) and struck oil. He came back not merely a millionaire but several times one, and bought that beautiful country place. I confess I don't know where the Bourke Cockrans live now when they are at home.

They really are in luck, however, to have been able to get that lovely old Pinchot house when they were obliged to find quarters. The Peter Garrys have not been so fortunate. They had the Henry White house for several years. Mr. White being a widower and not needing such a big house. But having acquired a very charming wife, who seems to like Washington and whom Washington certainly likes, he needed his house, and so this season finds the Garrys with another six years at any rate ahead of them in Washington, since Senator Gerry was reelected in November, without a home of their own. They are temporarily with Mrs. Gerry's mother, Mrs. Richard Townsend, while looking for a house that will meet their views. One would think that the fact that the price is of little importance, might help some in finding one.

"Exes" Cling to Washington.

Some of the "exes" find it hard to tear themselves away from the scene of their former glories. And many of the

Senators-elect are here hungrily and barefacedly waiting for dead men's shoes. It must be rather trying to the lame ducks to have their successors sitting on the doorstep waiting for them to get out. Ever been in a restaurant where people were cluttering up the landscape standing around waiting for others to vacate and give them a chance to feed, sitting over to where some one seemed to be getting to the dessert stage, and eyeing them hungrily and impatiently? Well that's the U. S. Capitol just at present. The majority of those who expect to be sworn in on March 1 are already here, looking on at the game, taking notes, making acquaintances, learning the ropes and house hunting.

Of course quite a few will go to hotels, in fact have already done so, and will certainly not set up a menage of their own unless, and until, they know whether there is to be a special seat in. Some, on the other hand, have brought their wives and are rapidly getting settled. Senator Brookhart of Iowa, though he was elected for the rest of Senator Kenyon's term, remains in Iowa, who was appointed until there should be an election, is one of those who has not. Mrs. Brookhart has de-

ided to stay "back home," for the present, anyhow. There are five or six Brokhart children under twenty—which means that uprooting now would interfere seriously with school. And there are other reasons why Mrs. Brookhart prefers to remain in Iowa rather than come here for what should normally be only three months. The Iowa women are not saying so out loud, but they aren't inclined to weep over the decision. They are rather a close little group and have a lot of good times together. Presumably there is an Iowa society. Whether there is or not, the women of the Iowa Congressional delegation have a weekly luncheon, when they have the best possible times. They're a congenial crew.

I know I haven't said a word about the Administration circles, but there isn't anything to say. They don't seem to have done anything very startling lately. The Hoovers are back. Theoretically Secretary Hoover was to get the rest that he very genuinely needed, but really he went West on the business of one of the numerous commissions of which he is a member, and Mrs. Hoover seized the opportunity to go home and see family and friends. "Home" is Palo Alto, Cal., and the Secretary joined her

there for a few days. Now they are in Washington and they brought their son, Herbert, Jr., a student at Leland Stanford, to stay until after New Year's. I think there is no doubt that Mrs. Harding is progressing satisfactorily. The President is accepting a few invitations to men's parties. He is to dine to-night, for instance, with Hugh Wallace, former United States Ambassador

to France, who will have a distinguished company of men to meet him. I heard of something else—a man's party—that he expected to attend if Mrs. Harding's health permitted. I don't take much stock in the stories of their spending the holidays at some Southern resort, if only because I happen to have heard—pretty certainly—that Gen. and Mrs. Sawyer were arranging to spend the holidays

at their home in Marion, and I am reasonably sure that if Mrs. Harding was going South Dr. Sawyer would be arranging to go South with her. I don't believe she is well enough to travel without her physician. Of course I may be wrong, but on the other hand the fact that Dr. Sawyer is planning to go home may be taken as an indication of Mrs. Harding's satisfactory progress.

Concerts on Columbia Green to Be Suspended

The building program of Columbia University recently announced by President Nicholas Murray Butler will necessitate the closing of the green to all

public entertainments, according to Director John J. Coss of the Columbia summer session.

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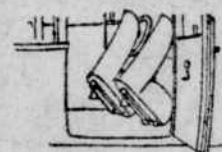
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